

**In Memory of
Sergeant EDWIN CECIL SELFE
196, British South African Police
Who died, age 38, on 1 December 1915
Son of Philip and Susanna Selfe, of Shellingford, Berks,
England; husband of Miriam Day (formerly Selfe).
Remembered with honour
Faringdon All Saints' Church War Memorial and
NDOLA (KANSENSHI) CEMETERY, ZAMBIA**



Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

This cemetery contains 23 War Dead concentrated from Abercorn European Cemetery and two concentrated from Livingstone Cemetery. It also contains a special memorial to 1 casualty known to be buried in Chikuula Military Grave and special memorials to two casualties formerly commemorated on the Ikawa (or Old Fife) Memorial, whose graves are not known. There are also 42 burials of the 1939-1945 war and 1 Belgian burial. Sergeant Selfe died of dysentery.

Edwin Cecil Selfe, born Dunmow, Essex, July-Sept 1878, (this would make him 37 when he died 1 Dec 1915). In 1881 'William Gerald Self', age 8, (b Shellingford) is listed as living in Shellingford with his father, Philip, age 39, (b Shellingford, 1840) mother Susanna, age 36, (b Christian Malford, Wiltshire), Philip, age 11 (b Shellingford), Herbert Rich, 7, (b Liskeard, Cornwall), Samuel, 4, (b Bodmin Glynn, Cornwall), Edwin 'Cicle' Cecil, 2, (b Tilby Dunmow, Essex) and Ethel Mary, under 1, (b Shellingford). In 1891 Edwin C, age 12, (tallies) is living in Faringdon with John, 30, and Susanna, 43, Smith as stepson with brother Herbert R Selfe, 17, (born Liskeard, Cornwall) and Ethel M Selfe, 10, (b Shellingford). Gerald would have been 18 so presumably had left home.

In 1901 John Smith (b Shellingford), milk seller is living with step daughter Ethel, age 20, and no others. Susanna(h), whose census ages are not consistent, was born Susanna Rich in 1843-44 (so in 1881 should have been 37-38 and 47-48 in 1891) married Philip Self in 1868 in Faringdon, then John Smith from Shellingford after Philip Self(e) died in 1882 (in Wallingford?). Edwin, Herbert and Ethel stayed with Susanna and stepfather, John, and Ethel stayed with John Smith until 1901, perhaps Susanna had died. Philip Self must have moved around if Herbert and Samuel were born in Cornwall and Edwin in Dunmow. Herbert stayed in Faringdon, married Alice Maud Mary, had two daughters Ethel Doris Calvert (b~1888) and Cicely Eva (b ~1893), who married brothers Leonard H Dimond and Alfred H Dimond in 1931 and 1932, respectively. Presumably, Gerald and Edwin emigrated to South Africa in the 1890s